(ii) Cases of Govt. employees under detention including Dr. Guru would be reviewed and decision taken at the earliest;

(iii) It was decided to initiate action for the revocation of orders of termination of services of these five officials;

(iv) Representatives were assured that there will be no vindictive action against the employees who have been absenting themselves from work and that the period of absence will be suitably regularised for purpose of salary/wages.

(e) There is no report of any impact on the law enforcing agencies in J&K.

All party meet on Jammu & Kashmir

*71. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to call a meeiing of all political parties of the Jammu & Kashmir State to know their views and find out ways and means to tackle the problem there;

(b) if so, by when and if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) what other efforts Government have made or propose to make to solve the Jammu and Kashmir problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The Government is in touch with the representatives of political perties with a view to finding a solution to the problem in Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) Strong and effective measures are being continued to neutralise the terrorist and secessionist forces so that meaningful political process can commence without fear of reprisal from the terrorists.

Adverse effect of detergents

*72. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that detergents presently available in the markets contains chemicals which cause skin irritations and adverse effects on the health of users as per studies carried out by the Hindustan Lever Scientists which appeared in the Journal of Oil Technologists Association of India, October-December 1982 issue;

(b) whether Government are also aware that polyphosphate fillers used in detergents cause serious detrimental effect on living organisms in water and have been banned in many countries;

(c) whether a task force consisting of consumer interests such as CCSI, Bombay and VHAI, New Delhi will be set up on the subject; and

(d) whether Government have also seen a status report prepared for Department of Science & Technology in May 1987 on the subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (d) Government have seen the report published in the Journal of Oil Technologies. The Bureau of Indian Standards has formulated three specifications for synthetic detergents with a view to ensure that the finished product after interaction with the raw materials used in the formulation are free from any harmful effect. Further the Bureau of Indian Standards has recently finalised an Indian Standard Method of Safety Evaluation of Synthetic Detergent; Part-2: Method of Test for Skin Sensitization Potential of Synthetic Detergent (Guinea Pig Maximisation Test). The requirement for total Phosphate and STPP have also been prescribed in the aforesaid three specifications. The composition of the Committee of Bureau of Indian Standards which went into these aspects includes among other Consumer Guidance Society

of India (Regd.) Bombay, Consumer Education and Research Centre, Ahmedabad, Directorate General of Technical Development, Development Commissioner (Small Scale Industries) and also the leading manufacturers in the sector.

All the recent approvals which have been granted stipulate the conformation to Indian Standards to ensure that there are no harmful effects to the skin by the use of synthetic detergents.

The Government is also aware of the Status Report prepared by the Deptt. of Science and Technology on the said subject.

Licences to new sugar mills

*73. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had issued a large number of licences for starting new sugar industries during October-November, 1990;

(b) if so, whether those orders were stopped subsequently;

(c) whether the orders were issued without the concurrence of the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies; and

(d) whether Government would inquire into the circumstances under which these orders were passed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) During the months of October and November, 1990, seven Letters of Intent were issued for setting up of new sugar factories.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Comments of the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies were invited on these proposals. The Letters of Intent issued were in accordance with the new guidelines announced through Press Note No. 4(1990 Series) dated July 23, 1990.

(d) Does not arise.

*74. [*Transferred to the 3rd Jan.* 1991]

Successful testing of airborne early warning aircraft and anti-tank missile NAG

*75. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a successful test flight of Indian manufactured Airborne Early Warning Aircraft has taken place and if so, whether the Ministry is satisfied with its performance; and

(b) whether indigenous Anti Tank Missile "NAG" was also tested successfully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): (a) No Sir. However, under competence development in the field of airborne early warning technologies,, an Avro Aircraft modified with structural rotodom has been test-flown. The mission obejctive was fully met and the flight test was successful.

(b) Yes Sir.

Legislation for the inclusion of communities as SC/ST

*76. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to bring a legislation seeking to include about 200 communities either as SC or ST;

(b) what are the communities proposed to be included as SC or ST; and

(c) if so, by when such legislation is proposed to be brought before the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) to (c) There is a proposal for comprehensive revision of the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. A decision is yet to be taken in the matter. Further, any amendment